

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BEAUMONT DIVISION**

**KENNETH S. McARDLE**

**V.**

**MATTEL, INC.**

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**1:06-CV-103**

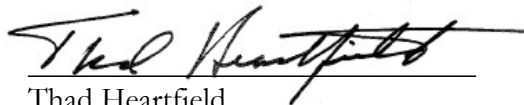
**ORDER ADOPTING  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The court referred this matter to the Honorable Earl S. Hines, United States magistrate judge, for pretrial proceedings pursuant to General Order 05-07 entered on March 3, 2006. The court has received and considered the report of the United States magistrate judge, who recommends that the court grant the parties' joint motion to dismiss and enter judgment pursuant to settlement.

The magistrate judge's report is hereby **ADOPTED**. The purpose of the referral having been served, it is further

**ORDERED** that the reference to the magistrate judge is **VACATED**.

**SIGNED** this the **25** day of **February**, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thad Heartfield", written over a horizontal line.

Thad Heartfield  
United States District Judge